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**WRITTEN OPINION OF THE
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(PCT Rule 43bis.1)

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Applicant's or agent's file reference FP04-0488-00		FOR FURTHER ACTION See paragraph 2 below
International application No. PCT/JP2005/003979	International filing date (day/month/year) 08.03.2005	Priority date (day/month/year) 17.03.2004
International Patent Classification (IPC) or both national classification and IPC H01S5/024, H01L23/473		
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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Box No. I | Basis of the opinion |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Box No. II | Priority |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Box No. III | Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Box No. IV | Lack of unity of invention |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Box No. V | Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Box No. VI | Certain documents cited |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Box No. VII | Certain defects in the international application |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Box No. VIII | Certain observations on the international application |

2. **FURTHER ACTION.**

If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") except that this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

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3. For further details, see notes to Form PCT/ISA/220.

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Box No. I	Basis of this opinion
1.	With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item. <input type="checkbox"/> This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b)).
2.	With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of: a. type of material <input type="checkbox"/> a sequence listing <input type="checkbox"/> table(s) related to the sequence listing b. format of material <input type="checkbox"/> in written format <input type="checkbox"/> in computer readable form c. time of filing/furnishing <input type="checkbox"/> contained in the international application as filed. <input type="checkbox"/> filed together with the international application in computer readable form. <input type="checkbox"/> furnished subsequently to this Authority for the purposes of search.
3.	<input type="checkbox"/> In addition, in the case that more than one version or copy of a sequence listing and/or table(s) relating thereto has been filed or furnished, the required statements that the information in the subsequent or additional copies is identical to that in the application as filed or does not go beyond the application as filed, as appropriate, were furnished.
4.	Additional comments:

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Box No. V		Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement																								
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<p>2. Citations and explanations:</p> <p>Document 1: JP 57-141986 A (Fujitsu Ltd.), 2 September 1982</p> <p>Document 2: JP 9-194204 A (Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd.), 29 July 1997</p> <p>Document 3: JP 203-8273 A (Fanuc Ltd.), 10 January 2003</p> <p>Document 4: JP 10-209531 A (Fujitsu Ltd.), 7 August 1998</p> <p>Document 5: WO 00/11717 A (Hamamatsu Photonics KK), 2 March 2000</p>																										
<p>The inventions set forth in claims 1-5 are not disclosed or suggested in documents 1-5, and are novel and involve an inventive step.</p>																										